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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:OTRA (SIAD), CASC, SO

SUBJECT:

REF: CONAKRY 1681

1. FOLLOWING ANSWERS KEYED TO QUESTIONS PARA 1 REFTEL:

A. LIGHT IS FROM ITHACA, N.Y.

B. THIRTY YEARS OLD

C. LIGHT SUFFERS FROM CHRONIC GASTRITIS, WHICH HIS FAMILY FEARS CAN BE AGGRAVATED BY UNFAMILIAR OR IMPURE FOOD OR WATER, LEADING TO DYSENTERY. HE HAS PROBABLY RUN OUT OF ANY MEDICATION HE HAD.

D. LIGHT WAS EMPLOYED BY OIL FIELD SUPPLIES INTERNATIONAL, LTD.

E. HE WAS IN ETHIOPIA WORKING FOR OIL FIELD SUPPLIES INTL IN SUPPORT OF OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN EASTERN ETHIOPIA (OGADEN).

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F. HE WAS OPERATING OUT OF A CAMP NEAR HARARESA, ABOUT

15KM FROM SOMALIA BORDER.

G. HE REPORTEDLY CROSSED BORDER WITH TWO ETHIOPIAN CITIZENS IN LAND ROVER. FELLOW WORKERS BELIEVE THEY HAD SET OUT TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES, CIGARETTES, AND SOUVENIRS.

H. WE LEARNED OF HIS DETENTION FROM MANAGER OF OIL FIELD SUPPLIES, LTD. IN ETHIOPIA. TWO DAYS AFTER HIS APPARENT ARREST HIS CAR AND SOME POSSESSIONS WERE TURNED OVER BY SOMALIS TO ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES AT THE BORDER. THE SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LIGHT QUOTE IS IN SOMALI HANDS AND IN GOOD HEALTH UNQUOTE BUT SOMALIS HAVE PROVIDED NO FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO HIS CONDITION, WHEREABOUTS, OR REASONS FOR HIS CONTINUED DETENTION.

2. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR MEETING WITH SIAD. KISSINGER

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